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## VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire Chief Clerk & Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE: Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC for Approval of the Transfer and Sale

of Property in Apex, North Carolina

Docket No. 2018-374-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

By this letter, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") hereby notifies the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") that ORS has reviewed Duke Energy Progress, LLC's ("DEP" or "Company") filing in the above referenced docket. Based on the review, ORS does not oppose the filing submitted by the Company for the transfer and sale of property in Apex, North Carolina ("Property") to the Wake County Board of Education (the "Board of Education").

South Carolina Code Ann. § 58-27-1300 requires the Company to obtain permission from the Public Service Commission of South Carolina when the Company wishes to "sell, assign, transfer, lease, consolidate, or merge..." real property with a fair market value in excess of \$1,000,000.

The Property is a parcel of vacant land of approximately 71 acres and is a portion of a 1,844.16-acre parcel owned by DEP. The Property was originally acquired by DEP-predecessor Carolina Power & Light as part of the development of the Shearon Harris Nuclear Plant and is not required for DEP's current utility operations.

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The Property was appraised by Stewart, Martin and McCoy, LLC to have a Fair Market Value of \$2,627,500. The Property is being sold to the Board of Education for the appraised value.

The original cost of the Property being sold will be credited as a reduction of the amount carried upon the books of the Company under Account 101, "Electric Plant in Service." The difference between the sales price and the original cost of the non-depreciable Property will be applied to Account 421.10, "Gain on Disposition of Property".

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

cc: All Parties of Record (via E-mail)